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SUBJ: CIVAIR: TAROM REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT

REF: STATE 190999

1. EMBOFF MET WITH MUMITRU CEAUSU, COUNSELOR IN MFA'S LEGAL DIRECTORATE, TO DISCUSS GOR REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT TO NEW YORK AUGUST 7. CEAUSU EXPLAINED THAT PURPOSE OF FLIGHT IS TO REPLACE ENGINE OF AIRCRAFT MAKING ACTUAL FLIGHT WITH ORIGINAL ENGINE THAT HAD BEEN PULLED AT EARLIER DATE IN NEW YORK AND HAS NOW BEEN REPAIRED. IN ORDER TO REALIZE SOME ECONOMIC BENEFIT, PLANE WILL CARRY CARGO BUT NO PASSENGERS.
2. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, IRREGULARITY OF GOR REQUEST, BOTH IN RELATION TO MOU WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED AND IN RELATION TO INSUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION, WAS NOTED BY EMBOFF. OUR CONCERN FOR TAROM/GOR BEHAVIOR THROUGH EXAMPLES CITED REFTEL WAS ALSO BROUGHT TO CEAUSU'S ATTENTION.
3. CEAUSU REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS ANY OF POINTS RAISED BUT WOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY

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IF ANY COMMENTS ARE FORTHCOMING FROM "APPROPRIATE HIGHER AUTHORITIES."

4. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC ISSUE OF MOU RATIFICATION, CEAUSU STATED THAT NECESSARY APPROVALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED AND DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE DATE FOR GOR RESPONSE. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT NUMBER

OF GOR OFFICIALS CONCERNED ARE CURRENTLY VACATIONING,
HENCE APPROVAL WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THEIR RETURN.

5. COMMENT. MONTH OF AUGUST IS TRADITIONAL VACATION
PERIOD FOR ROMANIANS, SO IT POSSIBLE AND PERHAPS
LIKELY THAT WE WILL RECEIVE NO RESPONSE ON MOU UNTIL
SEPTEMBER.
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